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SUBJECT: MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS PROGRAM: STEEL PLANT EXPANSION

IN BILBAO, SPAIN

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THERE FOLLOWS DESCRIPTION PROVIDED BY AMCONSUL BILBAO OF A MAJOR SPANISH PRIVATE SECTOR PROJECT WHICH MAY OFFER OPPORTUNITIES TO U.S. SUPPLIERS.

- 1. TITLE OF PROJECT: EXPANSION AND MODERNIZATION OF OLARRA, S.A. STEEL PLANT.
- 2. DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: PLACE LUJUA, A SUBURB OF BILBAO, SPAIN. EQUIPMENT NEW 25-TON ELECTRIC FURNACE; AOD CONVERTER (25 TONS); CONTINUOUS CASTING SYSTEM TO PRODUCE BILLETS OF 150 SQ. CM.; ROLLING MILL TO PRODUCE ROD, FLATS, SQUARES AND ROUNDS OF 10-100 M.M. DIAMETER, PLUS FOUR GRINDING MACHINES TO REMOVE IMPURITIES.
- 3. ESTIMATED COST: TOTAL PROJECT \$43 MILLION. EQUIPMENT: ELECTRIC FURNACE \$1 MILLION; CONVERTER \$500,000; CONTINUOUS CASTING \$2 MILLION; ROLLING MILL \$20 MILLION; GRINDING MACHINES \$2 MILLION. EQUIPMENT TO BE ACQUIRED ABROAD; ROLLING MILL MACHINERY \$6 MILLION. UNCLASSIFIED

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- 4. ORIGIN OF FINANCE: SUPPLIER (OR HIS BANK)
- 5. ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES: INCLUDED IN TURNKEY PROJECT.
- 6. EQUIPMENT TO BE OBTAINED ABROAD: MACHINERY FOR ROLLING MILL WITH RAPID-CHANGE ROLLS FROM 10 TO 22 INCHES, TO PRODUCE WITHIN

6,000 Hours - 100,000 Tons per year of wire rod in wire coils of 5.5 to 32 m.m., and flats, squares and rounds 10-100 mms. It would be anticipated that mill would be active 60 per cent of the time and down for change, repairs, etc., the remaining 40 percent.

7. KEY PERSON TO CONTACT:

PEDRO M. MENDIVIL ARRIETA OR ELIAS GARCIA DE VICUNA PROJECT ENGINEERS AVENIDA EJERCITO, 29 - 4 BILBAO 14, SPAIN

- 8. PERIOD OF PROJECT: BIDS TO BE SUBMITTED BY JULY 1. EQUIPMENT DELIVERY IN ORDER TO COMPLETE INSTALLATION BY SEPTEMBER 1979.
- 9. FOREIGN COMPETITION: MORGARDSHHAMMER,. SWEDEN: KOCK, GERMANY; POMINI, ITALY. STABLER

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